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SUBJECT: SECRETARY RICE'S LETTER TO MINISTERS OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS AND MINERALS AND ENERGY

REF: A. SECSTATE 92684

[1](#)B. PRETORIA 1974

[1](#)1. (SBU) Embassy is in receipt of a letter from Deputy  
Minister of Foreign Affairs Aziz Pahad, on behalf of Minister  
of Foreign Affairs Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, replying to  
Secretary Rice's letter of May 19 (refs A and B). Pahad's

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letter is dated July 11, but was not delivered to us until  
recently. We have not yet received a signed original. The  
letter reads as follows.

Begin text.

Dear Dr. Rice

CREATION OF A JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR ENRERGY  
CO-OPERATION

I would like to express appreciation for your letter  
proposing the creation of a Joint Standing Committee on  
Nuclear Energy Co-operation (JSCNEC), as well as the support  
for the furtherance of the proposed nuclear research and  
development agreements.

I furthermore wish to convey my Department's high regard and  
value placed on our existing co-operation in areas of mutual  
interest.

The content of your letter has been shared with the Minister  
of Minerals and Energy, Ms. Hendricks and we shall be in  
contact with you once the matter is finalised.

With kind regards,

signed / A Pahad /  
(Mr. AGH Pahad: Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs)

Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma

Dr. Condoleezza Rice  
Secretary of State

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C/o Jendayi Frazer  
Ambassador  
Embassy of the United States of America  
Pretoria 0001

End text.

[1](#)2. (SBU) Embassy is also in possession of a copy of the  
letter from Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Aziz Pahad, on  
behalf of Minister of Foreign Affairs Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma,  
to Minister of Minerals and Energy Lindiwe Hendricks  
referring to Secretary Rice's letter of May 19, That letter  
reads as follows:

Begin text.

Dear Colleague

CREATION OF A JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR ENRERGY  
CO-OPERATION

I would like to refer to a letter you received from my  
counterpart, the United States of America Secretary of State,  
Condoleezza Rice, on 23 May 2005, regarding the proposed  
creation of a Joint Standing Committee on Nuclear Energy  
Co-operation (JSCNEC) and the furtherance of the pending  
research and development co-operation agreements provided by  
the United States and submitted through a Diplomatic Note.

Your Department indicated that the former Minister of  
Minerals and Energy had requested a letter to this effect  
from the United States Energy Secretary, to facilitate the  
establishment of such a committee. As is customary under

diplomatic protocol in the United States, the letter was sent by the Secretary of State, Condoleezza Rice, and a similar letter copied to me.

I am keenly awaiting your guidance with regard to your interest in the establishment of a Joint Committee and the conclusion of the two proposed agreements, as well as your direction pertaining to the manner in which my Department can be of assistance.

With kind regards

signed / A Pahad /

Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma

Ms. BL Hendricks  
Minister of Minerals and Energy  
Private Bag X646  
Pretoria 0001

End text.

13. (SBU) Embassy has contacted the Department of Minerals and Energy regarding Minister Hendricks' response, but has nothing to report at this time.  
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